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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

**Please replace the original Abstract with the following Abstract:**

Skin disorders such as, for example, atopic dermatitis, dyshidrosis, eczema, lichen planus, psoriasis, and vitiligo, are treated by applying high doses of ultraviolet light to diseased regions of a ~~patients~~<sup>patient's</sup> skin. The dosage ~~employed~~ exceeds 1 MED, ~~an MED being as~~ determined for the particular patient ~~being treated~~, and may range from about 1 MED to about 20 MED or higher. The ultraviolet light has a wavelength within the range of ~~between~~ about 295 nanometers to about 320 nanometers ~~and preferably is between about 300 nanometers and about 310 nanometers~~. High doses of ultraviolet light are restricted to diseased tissue areas ~~so as to avoid risk of detrimental side affects in healthy skin, which is more susceptible to damage from UV light. Cooling the skin prior to and/or while exposing the skin to the UV light can be used~~ The skin can be cooled prior to and/or during exposure to UV light to minimize tissue damage resulting from exposure to the UV light. Higher doses of UV light can therefore be employed without injurious affects.